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EXTRACTS FROM THE COUNTY RECORDS.

[During a recent trip to several of the counties of Tidewater Virginia, the editor, with the kind assistance of a traveling companion, copied the various records here printed. They are examples of what historic material the records of our older counties contain, and show that they are not confined to matters relating to the respective counties alone, but contain much in regard to the colony at large. A most valuable addition to the historical literature of Virginia, would be a history of one of our counties where the old records are preserved, prepared by some one who had the time to become fully acquainted with the records and the ability to make a proper use of them. Middlesex county, where most of the county, and all of the parish records have been preserved, would be a particularly good subject. The extracts now printed, are, as has been stated, only "examples," for no complete work can be done during a brief visit to a county courthouse. Mr. Waddell's History of Augusta County is an admirable work, but one of an earlier period would afford better material for the particular kind of history meant.]

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN CORBIN, LEE, &C., TO BUILD A
BANQUETTING HOUSE.**

(From the Westmoreland Records.)

Whereas, there is a mutual agreement Signed, Sealed & delivered by & between the parties whose names are hereunder written, the which writing bears date with these presents for the Marking of Each persons bounds. Now know yee that the said parties do agree that there be a House Erected where Mr. Allerton & Mr. Gerrard shall think fit, for the continuance of good Neighborhood, & to be built by the direction of the said Mr. Allerton & Mr. Gerrard, & every person to bear an Equal charge to the building thereof, & Ten pounds Sterling to be allowed Mr. Lee for the building of the said House, the said Mr. Lee bearing his proportion of the charge, and each man or his

heirs, yearly, according to his due course, to make an Honorable treatment fit to entertain the undertakers thereof, their wives, mistress* & friends yearly & every year, & to begin upon the 29th of May, which will be in the year One thousand, six hundred seventy and One. Mr. Corbin to make the first treatment, Mr. Lee the next, Mr. Gerrard the next and Mr. Allerton the first treatment, Mr. Lee the next, Mr. Gerrard the next, and Mr. Allerton the next after that, and so round. Witness our hands this 30th of March, 1670.

HENRY CORBYN, J. LEE,
THOS. GERRARD, ISAAC ALLERTON.

THE DEPOSITION OF THOMAS LEE, ESQR., above 50 years of age, and Sworn, Sayeth, that he has been informed by persons of Credit that lived before the year 1670 that there was a Banquetting House erected in Pickatowns Field, by Henry Corbin, Esqr., Capt. John Lee, Thomas Gerard, Esqr., and Mr. (afterwards Coll.) Isaac Allerton, in Order to perpetuate the bounds of their Lands, and the Deponent has been told by his Father (who was brother to the said Capt. John Lee and married the eldest Daughter of Henry Corbin, Esqr.), that he had been at an entertainment in the said Banquetting House, and this deponent's Father has mentioned to this Deponent some particulars that are in an ancient paper now produced in Court, which ancient paper this Deponent believes to be the Original agreement for Building the said Banquetting House, for he has been shown the hands of Corbin, Lee and Allerton, and does believe the names Subscribed to the said Ancient paper is their hand writing. This Deponent was told by the late Colo. George Eskridge that he had the Agreement about the Banquetting House in his possession, he was then Attorney to John Gerrard, who as this Deponent has heard and believes, was the Grandson and heir of Thomas Gerrard, Esqr., and further this Deponent sayeth not.

THOMAS LEE.

*At this period the word "mistress," meant "sweetheart," "fiancée."

PUNISHMENT FOR WOUNDING AN INDIAN. BY LANCASTER
COUNTY COURT, 1653.

At a court held for Lancast^r at ye house of Mr. Toby Smith.
on ye 6th of Aprill, 1653.

Mr. Toby Smith, Mr. John Cox, Mr. David Fox, Mr. Row.
Lawson, Mr. James Bagnall, Mr. Rich. Loes.

Whereas, Andrew Boyer was impleaded at ye suit & of ye
Commonwealth for shooting & hurting an Indyan contrary to
ye laws of this Country & ye peace established, w^{ch} being
acknowledged & made manifest against him, ye Court hath or-
dered ye s^d Boyer to satisfie & pay Mr. David Fox for a Match-
coate w^{ch} had ingaged himselfe for to ye Indyan for his hurt & cure
thereof, & y^e ye s^d Boyer paye ye Costs of Court alias execu-
tion.

LANDS ASSIGNED TO INDIANS BY LANCASTER COUNTY
COURT, 1653.

[An act of Assembly of July, 1653, ordered immediate com-
pliance on the part of the Commissioners of Gloucester and
Lancaster, with an act passed the previous session—but which
does not appear in *Hening*—requiring them to assign lands to
the Indians inhabiting said counties.]

At a Court held for Lancast^r at ye house of John Philips on
ye 6th of August, 1653.

Present: Major John Carter, Mr. Geo. Taylor, Mr. Ja. Bag-
nall, Mr. Row. Lawson, Mr. Toby Smith, Mr. Richard Loes,
Mr. David Fox.

Whereas, ye Court is by order of Assembly of ye 5th of July
last, required to settle ye Indyns in such places & pporcons of
Land as is allowed & assigned them by a former Act of Assem-
bly of ye 10th of 8^{ber}, 1649, as alsoe by a later Act of ye 23d of
9^{ber}, 1652, have therfore ordered if on ye 11th day of 7^{ber} next,
ye severall comiss^{rs} of this Countye wth every 6th man raysed
wthin their severall lymits, who, well & sufficiently armed with
a formidable gun, powder & shott, wth eyther a sword or a pis-
toll, & a weeks provision, and to meet at ye apointed generall
Randevoz, at ye house of Mr. Wm. Underwood, & for ye sev-

erall randevouzes to be appointed by each coms^r in his lymits respectively, choosinge places most for their conveniencye, & their lymits to be as hereafter expressed. Mr. Coxe's lymits from Ja. Bohers upwards to Mr. Burkham's, Mr. Rich. Loes from Parott's Creeke to Dedman's Creeke, Mr. Ja. Bagnall from Dedman's Creeke to ye uper side of Puscaticon & Mr. Andrew Gilson from Puscaticon to ye head of ye river, & on ye Nth side from ye head of ye river to Capt. Fleet's Plantacon at Rappahannock to be Mr. Geo. Taylor's Lymits. Mr. Wm. Underwood from his owne house to ye uppside of Totoskey Creeke, Mr. Toby Smith from ye lower side of Totoskey Creeke to ye upper side of Moraticond, Mr. Da. Fox from ye lower side of Moraticond to Mr. Brices, Mr. Tho. Brices lymits from his owne house to ye uper side of Corotowtowamon & Majr. John Carter & Mr. Row. Lawson from estward side of Corotowamon to ye mouth of ye riv^r, the severall constables & such as each Comiss^r shall apoint to be aydinge in ye effecting thearof.

Teste: JOHN PHILIPS, Cl. Cur.

DIVISION OF LANCASTER COUNTY INTO PARISHES, 1654.

[The name of Lancaster county first appears in a list of counties represented in the House of Burgesses, April, 1652, though the names of the members do not appear. In November, 1652, the county was represented by Captain Henry Fleet and Mr. William Underwood. No act or order for the formation of the county appears to be extant. By this division, the lower parish included the present counties of Lancaster and Middlesex, and the upper parish the present Essex and Richmond, and an indefinite territory westward on both sides of the Rappahannock river.]

At a court held at ye house of Mr. Da. Fox, Aug^t ye 7th, 1654, for ye Countye of Lancaster.

Pres^t: Major Jno. Carter, Mr. Toby Smyth, Mr. Ja. W^mson, Capt. Hen. Fleete, Mr. Rich. Loes, Mr. James Bagnall.

Memor^d y^t ye County of Lancaster is devided into two parishes, ye inhabitants being sumond to hereto giving their votes herein, vizt: ye lower parish to begin on ye rghtⁿ side of Morat-

icon river, & to include ye Westward side to ye head thereof, & soe into ye woods E. by N., & on ye South side from ye lower Marked end of ye land of Rich. Bennett, Esqr., now in possession of Rice Jones, & thence S. W. into ye woods, ye wth two places are to be the bounds between ye two parishes, ye uper & ye lower.

A DIVORCE BY LANCASTER COUNTY COURT, 1656.

At a Co'rt held for the Countie of Lanc. the 6th of Aug, 1656, at the house of John Merryman.

p'sent: Lt. Coll. Moore Fauntleroy, Mr. Tho. Bries, S't Major Toby Smith, Mr. Will'm Underwood, Capt. Hen. Fleet, Mr. Rowland Lawson, Mr. Raleigh Travers.

This Co'rt doth declare that the marriadge between John Smith & Mary his supposed wife is voide & of noe effect, and doe order that the saide John Smith shall have nothing to doe w'th the estate of the saide Mary in whose hands soever it bee.

APPOINTMENT OF CONSTABLES AND WAY WARDENS FOR LANCASTER, 1656.

At a Co'rt helde for the Countie of Lanc. the 22th of Apri., 1656, at the house of Collonell John Carter.

Constables for the yere ensueinge are as followeth:

Will'm Neesham, his bounds are from his house & the neck Adjacent to him, and soe downe to the River mouth.

Mr. Thomas Powell, his bounds & limitts are from Morattico downe to Currowtomen, including the heads and branches of Currowtomen.

Mr. Thomas Griffin, his bounds are from Morattico up to Mangorike.

Mr. Jo. Ware, his bounds are from Mangorike all upwards.

Mr. Rich'd Lawson, his bounds are from the Upper plantation to Mr. Gellson's.

Mr. Will'm Johnson, his bounds are from Mr. Gelson's downward to Rice Jones.

Cuthbert Potter, from Rice Jones; his bounds extend to the mouth of the River.

It is likewise ordered that every constable wthin his respective

lymitts shall be way warden, and hath hereby power to sumon the inhabitants wthin his lymitts soe often as he shall think fitt & to such places as he shall appoint, for the mendinge, making & repairing of all ways & bridges.

The several Constables are ordered to repaire to the next Com'ssioner to take his oath, otherwise to appeare at the next Co'rt to that purpose, the sheriffe to give notice.

Testamen: Ed'r'o Dale, Clico. Cur., Co. Lanc.

ORGANIZATION OF RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY, 1656.

[In 1692 this county was abolished, and the territory included in it formed into two counties, that on the north side of the Rappahannock named Richmond, and that on the south Essex. The records of the old county are at Essex C. H. (Tappahannock), and copies are in the Virginia State Library. It is worth noting, as showing how completely the General Assembly assumed all powers during this part of the Commonwealth regime in England, that the magistrates and militia officers were appointed by that body. At all other periods it was an executive prerogative. See *Hening*, I, 372, 376.]

Att a grand Assembly helde at James Cittie, 11th Decemb', 1656.

Whereas, a peticon of the inhabitants of the Lower p'ts of Lancast' County, shewing their vast distance from the County Co'rts, was p'sented to the hon'ble Assembly by Capt. Moore Fantleroy, and their desire of havinge the County devided, It is ordered that according to an order of Co'rt deviding the saide County at p'sent into parishes, be for the future the bounds of the Two Countyes (vizt.): the lower p'te of Mr. Bennett's lande known by the name of Naemcocke, on the south side [and] of the Eastermost branch of Moraticon Creeke on the north side the River bee the lowermost bounds of the upp. Countie, the lower Countie to retaine the name of Lancaster, and the Upp. Countie to be named Rappahannocke Countie, and notw'withstandinge the devision, both Countyes to be lyable to the Burgesses charges of the p'sent Assembly.

The Com'ssioners for the Countie of Rappahannocke are as followeth (vizt.):

Col. Moore Fantleroy, Lt. Coll. Toby Smith, Mr. Ja. Bagnall, Major Tho. Goodrich, Mr. Wm. Underwood, Mr. Tho. Lucas, Sen., Mr. Andrew Gilson, Mr. Fra. Slaughter, Mr. Rich. Loes, Mr. Will'm Johnson, Mr. Humph. Booth.

THE MILITIA.

Coll. M. Fantleroy, Lt. Coll. Toby Smith, Major Tho. Goodrich, Capt. Wm. Underwood, Capt. Fra. Slaughter, Capt. Richard Loes.

Vera Copia. Test: Hen. Randolph, Clk. Assemb.

At a qr. Co'rt helde at James Cittie the 13th of Dec., 1656.
p'sent: Ye Gov'nor & Councill. Mr. Wm. Johnson is by the Court elected Sheriffe for Rappahannocke County the succeeding yeare, to be sworne ye next Co'rt then held.

Teste: Nich. Meriwether, Cl. Con.

The Com'ssion'rs of Lancaster Countie: Coll. John Carter, Lt. Coll. Hen. Fleete, Major Tho. Bries, Mr. David Fox, of the Quorum; Mr. Geo. Marsh, Mr. Peter Montague, Mr. Raleigh Travers, Mr. Rowland Lawson, Mr. Edmond Kempe, Mr. Richard Parrott, Mr. Cuthbert Potter.

Ye first three of ye militia.

Vera Copia. Test: Henry Randolph, Cler. Assem.

LORD CULPEPER'S COMMISSION TO CAPTAIN DAVID FOX AS HIS STEWARD AND RECEIVER-GENERAL IN LAN- CASTER COUNTY, 1683.

[This appointment was one of the first steps taken by Lord Culpeper to assert his authority in the northern neck. On September 10, 1681, he had acquired the sole proprietorship by purchase of the interest of Lord Arlington. The proprietors

of the northern neck had a succession of general agents, but so far as known this is the only record of agents for separate counties.]

To all Christian people to whom these presents shall come:

I, Thomas, Lord Culpeper, Baron of Thorseway, sole owner and pprietor of the Northern Neck of Lande lying between the two great Rivers of Rappahannock and Potomack, by severall mean purchases menconed in his Maj^{ties} Letters pattents under the Grande Seale of England, bearing date the eight day of May, in the one & twentieth yeare of his Ma^{ties} Reign, A^o que dom., one thousand, six hundred, sixty and nine, greeting.

Now know ye that I, Thomas, Lord Culpeper, out of the confidence I have of the Care, fidelity and * * of Capt. David Fox, in Lancast. County, in Virg^a, gentl., have deputed, constituted and appointed, and doe by these p'sents depute, constitute and appoint him, the said Capt. David Fox, my Steward and Receiver Gen^l of all the Rents issued, p'fitts, fines, amercem^{ts}, deodends, wasts, stray, or Fellons Goods, sume and sumes of Money, or tobacco ripening, growing or coming out of the saide County of Lancast' within my Saide Territorie or tenure of Lande (viz^t): on the North side of Rapp^a River, with full power to nominate and appoint such under officer and officers as shall by him bee deemed most convenient for the well effecting and executing the office aforesaid of Steward and Receiver Gen^l in the saide County of Lancaster, within my saide Territorie and on the North side of Rappa. River. And for this, I, the saide Thomas, Lord Culpeper, &c., doe by these p'sents authorize and impower him, the saide Capt. David Fox, to destreyne in any p'te of the saide County w^hin my Territorie and North side of Rappahannock as aforesaide for all Rents, arrears of Rents issued, p'fitts, fines, forfeitures, Deodands to mee arising, and entry to make into and upon all and every the saide tenem^{ts} and lands and hereditm^{ts} that by tenure shall soe revert to me by forfeiture, Escheate, and by any other waies or meanes whatsoever, and for mee and in my name and to my sole use and behoofe and p'fitt, to keepe holde, and deteine untill my further pleasure in such cases bee known, and to the further and better effecting the office and trust

before exprest. I doe hereby desire all officers w^{thin} the saide County of Lancaster and on the Northside of Rappahannock River, both Civill and Millitary to be aiding and assisting to my said Steward, in his office as aforesaid, hereby strictly Com^m'ding and requiring all p'sons that have, holde or enjoy or possess any Lands, tenem^{ts} and hereditam^{ts} w^{thin} the said County and my territorie aforesaid, to p'duce their patents or their other deeds to my saide Steward to the End that tenures may be Knowne and the Quantities of their Lands, and Enrolled by him, my said Steward, in a Booke for that purpose, in all which doing, and to every act and acts, thing or things relating to yo' office and the greate trust I have reposed in you, the saide Capt. David Fox, by virtue hereof as aforesaide, you are hereby strictly Comanded and required to govern yo'selfe according to such yo' Com'ands and instructions from time to time you shall receive from mee. Given under my hand and seale this twenty-fifth of May, in the five & thirtieth yeare of his Ma^{ties} Reign, A^{que} Dm^o, 1683.

THO. CULPEPER. [Ye seale.]

Signed, sealed and delivered in p'sence of:

Edward Chilton, Samuel Kyte.

Record^r Con. Com. Lancaster, decimo quarto, die novembri. An. Dn^o, 1693.

John Stretchly, Cl. Cur.

RECEIPTS OF THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE
OF VIRGINIA, 1700.

WITH A NOTICE OF SECRETARY WORMELEY.

[Among the records at Lancaster Courthouse is a volume, the chief part of which is filled with reports of processions of lands made by order of the vestry of Christ Church parish. But it is evident that the book was first used by Robert Carter, of Corotoman, while he was one of the executors of Hon. Ralph Wormeley, of "Rosegill," Secretary of State of Virginia, who died December 5, 1701. A portion of the book contains copies of

Carter's letters to London and other merchants, in his capacity as executor, and at the end of these is a table showing the receipts of the Secretary's office for the year 1700.

Colonel Wormeley's sons Ralph (who died young and unmarried) and John (born 1689, died 1726) were at school in England at the time of their father's death. The letters contain frequent references to them. In one, dated June 15, 1702. Col. Carter writes:

"I am glad my Cozn^e Ralph and John Wormeley thrives soe fast in their Learning, noe doubt the Continuance of a Careful Education will rend^r them Accomplished men, Qualified to preserve the Character of their Father, and fitt for ye service of the Country, which to my sorrow I will complain to you [probably Thos. Corbin] having drawn yo^r first Breath here, does at this Time Labour under a very Thick Cloud of Ignorance, pray God send in ye next Generation it may Flourish under a sett of better polisht patriotts." Robt. Carter was much opposed to the existing Governor, Nicholson, and saw the country through blue glasses.

Under date of July 2d, 1703, he writes: "Very glad to hear ye * * [progress Esq.?] Wormeley's Sons makes. Sorry to find both from * * * [illegible] Harry Armisted likely to gain little by * * England." He constantly urges economy and that the boys should not be allowed to be extravagant. Though Secretary Wormeley had a great estate it required all his receipts from his office to maintain "the grandeur in which he lived." He knows from his own experience when at school in England that frequently the boys who were given the finest clothes and the most money for their pockets, got the least learning into their heads.

When announcing the safe arrival of the Wormeley boys in Virginia, and the delight of their mother and relatives at their coming, he says that in his opinion, the outfit given them when they left England was entirely in excess of any need; but adds, that as their mother was satisfied he supposed it was needless for him to say anything. The sons of Colonel Wormeley did not meet Robert Carter's hopes in regard to public life; Ralph, as has been stated, died young, and John made an exception to

the whole line of Colonial Wormeleys by living quietly at "Rose-gill," without ever holding office.

For several years before Secretary Wormeley's death he was in bad health and the office was held for him by Edmund Jennings, who received half the net profits. Edwin Thacker was deputy secretary, and "Mr. Aylett," probably clerk. The word "salary" constantly appears in old accounts, and evidently meant percentage. Though there appears no legislation by the General Assembly authorizing the secretary to appoint county clerks, yet they certainly did so from perhaps as early as 1700. Probably a percentage on the county clerks' receipts was paid to the secretary. The amounts given in the table are of course in pounds of tobacco.

Ralph Wormeley, of "Rosegill," Middlesex county, was son of Ralph Wormeley, of the same place (who was a member of the House of Burgesses for York county 1649; was, in 1650, by the King, then at Breda, appointed member of the Council, and died about 1669), and his wife, Agatha, daughter of Richard Eltonhead, of Eltonhead, in the county of Lancaster, England. Her brother, William Eltonhead, was prominent in Maryland, and of her sisters, Eleanor married (I) Captain William Brocas, of the Virginia Council, and married (II) Colonel John Carter, of the Virginia Council; Martha married Edwin Conway, of Lancaster county, Va., and Alice married (I) Captain Rowland Burnham, of York and Lancaster counties, Va., member of the House of Burgesses, and (II) Henry Corbin, of the Council, thus making a large and influential circle of relations. Mrs. Agatha Wormeley married secondly, Sir Henry Chicheley, of Middlesex county, Governor of Virginia. He was a brother of Sir Thomas Chicheley, of Wimpole, Cambridge, England. Sir Henry Chicheley died February 5, 1682-3, and was buried in the chancel of Christ Church, Middlesex, and his wife, Lady Agatha, is said to have returned to England.

Ralph Wormeley, the son, was born in 1650, and matriculated at Oriel College, Oxford, July 14, 1665. He was a member of the House of Burgesses for Middlesex 1674 (*Middlesex Records*), was appointed to the Council 1677 (*Sainsbury Abstracts*), and Secretary of State in June, 1693 (*ib.*). In the same year he

was President of the Council (*ib.*). He was a man of great weight in the government, and during a contest he had with William and Mary College in regard to certain lands, he was described as "the most powerful man in Virginia" (*Hartwell, Blair and Chilton's Va.*). The date of his death has been variously given as December 5, 1702 and 1703; but his will was proved on April 7, 1701, so he must have died December 5, 1701-2.

The will of Ralph Wormeley, Esq., was dated February 22, 1700, and proved in Middlesex, April 7, 1701. He gave to his wife Elizabeth, all her jewels, moneys and plate; £100 sterling, and furniture to furnish her room, in addition to her dower. After his wife's part was taken out, his estate was to be kept together for the benefit of his children, payment of legacies, &c. To his daughter Elizabeth, £300 sterling when she marries, a negro man or woman, a mulatto boy and certain furniture, she to take her choice out of some of his houses; also her choice of two riding horses, and £20 a year to buy her clothes until she is married; also the largest silver tankard and silver plate, the silver candle cup with a cover, and 14 of the best silver spoons. To his daughter Catherine Corbin as a legacy, £50, she having her portion already. To his daughter Judith, at the time of her marriage £250 sterling, and 1,500 acres out of his land at Mankin, in Pamunkey Neck. To his son John all his dividend of land known as Wormeley's Creek [in York county] and all parcels of land since added to it on York river, and all the land in Pamunkey Neck except that given to Judith. To his son John all the rest of his lands, and all personal estate to be divided at son Ralph's coming of age, two-thirds to Ralph and one third to John. Appoints his sons, Ralph and John, executors, and requests his friends and relations, Hon. Edmund Jennings, Esq. [who had married his first cousin, Frances Corbin], Hon. Robert Carter [who married Judith Armistead, his wife's sister], Mr. Thomas Corbin, merchant in London, Mr. Gawin Corbin, Jr., and Mr. Edwin Thacker [whose mother, Eltonhead Conway, was his first cousin], to aid in the management of the estate. [The various accounts of relationship given in this note are examples of the influence of family connection—an influence powerful in all of the old colonies.]

Secretary Wormeley married (I), about 1674, Katherine, daughter of Sir Thomas Lunsford, the noted Cavalier officer, and widow of Captain Peter Jenings, Attorney-General and member of the Council of Virginia. In the register of Christ Church is the following entry: "The Honorable Lady, Madam Katherine Wormeley, wife to the Hon^{ble} Ralph Wormeley, Esq^r, Departed this Life 17th of May, 1685, and was buried in the Chancell of the Great Church betweene ye Hon^{ble} * * * * Chicheley & * * *"

Secretary Wormeley married (II) "Madam Eliz. Armistead, of Gloster, at Coll^o Armistead's, in Gloster, 16th of February, 1687." She married, secondly, October 5, 1703, William Churchill, of "Bushy Park," Middlesex, afterwards a member of the Council. Ralph Wormeley had issue (by first marriage): I. Elizabeth, born —, died 1740; married "June 1st, 1703, John Lomax and Elizabeth Wormeley, daughter of the Hon. Ralph Wormeley and Catherine Lunsford, only daughter of Sir Thos. Lunsford" (*Lomax Family Bible*); II. Katherine, baptized March 4, 1679, married Gawin Corbin, of Middlesex, and died without issue. (By second marriage): III. Ralph, born —, died unmarried in 1714. He inherited "Rosegill," was sheriff of Middlesex 1704, 1705, and his will was proved in Middlesex April 6, 1714; IV. John, born 1689, died February 7, 1726. His will was dated April 5, 1725, and proved in Middlesex. He married Elizabeth —, and had issue. His tomb, with a Latin epitaph, is at Christ Church. V. Judith, born 1694, died December 12, 1716, married, July 10, 1711, Hon. Mann Page, of "Rosewell," Gloucester county. Her tomb is at Rosewell, and the epitaph has been printed in Page's "Page Family."]

ACCOUNTS OF THE PROFITTS OF THE SEC'RY'S PLACE AC-
CRUEING, DUE FROM THE PUBLIC, CLERKS' SALLARY
AND OFFICE FEES, IN THE RESPECTIVE COUNTIES, ANNO
1700.

COUNTIES.	PUBLICK.	CLERKS' SALLARY.	OFFICE FEES.	TOTAL.
Gloucester	3,000	3,000	5,570	11,570
King and Queen	1,120	2,000	2,497	5,617
Middlesex	3,680	1,000	3,295	7,975
Essex	2,580	2,000	2,816	7,396
Richmond	8,394	2,000	4,030	14,424
Lancaster	3,434	1,000	3,100	7,534
Northumberland		1,200	2,527	3,727
Westmoreland		2,000	7,321	9,321
Stafford		800	856	1,656
Accomack	3,197	1,400	1,576	6,173
Northampton		1,200	1,132	2,332
Henrico		1,000	1,502	2,502
Charles City		2,000	5,686	7,686
James City		2,500	4,999	7,499
Surry		1,200	1,174	2,374
Isle of Weight		1,200	2,305	3,505
Nanzemund		1,200	4,606	5,806
Norfolk		1,200	2,884	4,084
Princess Anne		1,200	1,865	3,065
Warwick		500	977	1,477
Yourk	2,095	2,800	4,218	9,113
New-Kent		2,500	4,362	6,862
Elizabeth City		1,000	3,721	4,721
	27,500	36,200	73,028	136,728

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.	DR. 1700.	PER CONTRA.	CR.
To Mr. Thacker, Cash included	10,800	⌘ Order of Assembly..	27,500
To ye Sheriff Receiving ye Fees to pay ye above	1,000	⌘ Clarks' Sallary.....	36,200
To Mr. Aylett, Cash included	2,700	⌘ Secretary's Fees.....	73,028
To ye Sheriff Receiving ye fees to pay ye same	250		
To be divided between Mr. Sec'r Wormeley and Edmund Jenings,	121,978		
	136,728		136,728

ORDER OF MIDDLESEX COURT FOR PAYING THE JUSTICES' EXPENSES.

[So far as appears from *Hening* there was no authority for such a tax or such payment as that here ordered. It is, however, not mentioned among the "grievances" of the various counties after Bacon's Rebellion.]

Att a Court held (by espetiall order) for the County of Midds. the Tenth Day of March, 1673, att the Court house, these p'sent:

Mr. Richard Parrott, Sen.,	Mr. Henry Thacker,	} Justices.
D'cor Walter Whittaker,	Mr. John Haslewood,	
Major John Burnham,	Mr. Richard Robinson,	
Mr. Abraham Weekes,	Mr. John Vause,	
Capt. Robert Beverley,	Mr. Richard Parrott, Jun.	

The Court taking it into Consideracon that besides the trouble that they as most of them have, in comeing a great way to serve the County in spending their tyme and wasting their spirritts about the same, they have hitherto also been att great expences in mainteining themselves & horses in necessary diett & lodging, which they have found by experience not only to be great Charge to them, but also not att all either by Law or Custome usuall in the Countrey. Therefore now doe hereby order that five hundred weight of Tobacco & dim. [?] shall be allowed to every p'ticular person of this Comission, to be levied in the publique levy of this County for and towards the defraying of their severall Charges which they must of necessity be compelled to expend, to and begin from the tyme of the laying the last levy, & to end att the laying of the next levy, and if it so happen that any one of this Comission shall not expend the full some so allowed them, then so much thereof as is not so by them expended, shall be cast into the whole to make upp the full some of five hundred pounds apiece so to be expended and so to Continue for the future.

LAW FOR PROTECTION OF FISH, MADE BY MIDDLESEX COUNTY COURT, 1677-8.

[The act referred to was passed at the December session, 1662.

Is there record that any other counties made laws under this act?]

Att a Courte held for ye County of Midd'x ye 4th Day of March, 167 $\frac{7}{8}$ (the following was recorded):

Whereas, By ye 15th Act of Assembly made in ye yeare 1662, Lyberty is Given to each respective County to make By Lawes for themselves, w'ch Lawes, by Vertue of ye said Act are to be as Binding upon them as any other Generall Law, And Whereas severall of ye inhabitants of this County have Complayned agt. ye excessive & imoderate Strikeing & Destroying of Fish by Some fue of ye Inhabitants of this County By Strikeing them, by a light in ye night time with Fishgiggs, Whereby they not only affright ye Fish from Comeing into ye Rivers and Creeks, But also Wound Foure times ye quantitye that they take, Soe that if a timely remedy be not applyed by that Meanes ye fishing with hookes & Lines willbe thereby Spoyled to ye Greate hurte & Grievance of most of ye Inhabitants of this County. It is Therefore by this Courte Ordered that from & after ye 20th day of March next ensueing, It shall not be Lawfull for any of the Inhabitants of this County to take, Strike or Destroy any Sorte of Fish in ye Night time with fishgigg, Harpin Iron or any other Instrument of that nature, Sorte or Kinde, Within any River, Creeke or Bay, w'ch are accounted belonging to or within ye Bounds or precinques of this County, And it is further Ordered that if any person or persons being a Freeman, shall Offend against this Ord'r, he or they Soe offending Shall for ye first offence be fined Five hundred pounds of good Tobacco to be paid to ye Informer. And for every other offence Comitted ag't this Order after ye first, by any person, ye s'd Fine to be Doubled, and if any Serv't or Serv'ts be permitted or Incouraged by there Masters to keepe or have in there Possession any Fishgigg, Harpin Iron or any other Instrum't of that Kinde or Nature, and shall therew'th offend agt. this Ord'r, that in Such Case ye Master of Such Serv't or Serv'ts Shalbe lyable to pay ye Sev'all Fines above menconed, And if any Serv't or Serv'ts Shall Contrary to & against there Masters' Will & Knowledge, offend ag't this Order, that for every offence they receive Such Corp'll punishm't as by this Courte Shallbe thought meete.

DEED FROM JOHN INDECOTT, BOSTON, MASS., SELLING A
SERVANT TO RICHARD MEDLECOTT, 1678.

(Middlesex Records.)

Know all men Whome this may Conserne, that I, John Indicott, Cooper, Inhabitant In Boston, in New England, have sold unto Richard Medlecott, A Spanish Mullatto, by name Anthony, I having full power to sell him for his life time, But at ye request of William Taylor, I doe sell him But for Tenn yeares from ye day that he shall Disimbarke In Virginia, and at ye expiration of ye said Tenn yearès ye s'd Mulatto, Anthony, to be a free man to goe wherever he pleaseth. I doe acknowledge to have Rec'd full satisfaction of the said Medlecott for ye said Mulatto, as Witness my hand this 5th day of March, 167 $\frac{7}{8}$.

JOHN INDICOTT.

I, Anthonio, doe consent to ye above pr'misses as Witness my Marke in pr'sence of Anthony Low & William Taylor, ye above, March ye 5th, 1677.

ANTHONIO, p. Sign.

Witness: Will'm Tailer, Anthony Low.

Recognit * * die Maii, 1678.

DEED FROM JOHN SAFFIN, BOSTON, MASS., SELLING A SERVANT TO RALPH WORMELEY, VA.

(Middlesex Records.)

Bee it known unto all men by these presents that I, John Saffin, of Boston, in New England, Merch't, for & in consideration of ye sune of Twenty pounds Sterling by me Rec'd of Ralph Wormeley, of ye County of Midd'x, in Virg'r, Esqr., doe hereby sell, assigne and sett over to him, ye said Ralph Wormeley, or his Assignes, the within Mencond mulatto Serv't named Anthonio, w'th him or them to serve, dwell & abide for & during the terme of Tenn yeare beginning on ye first day of Aprill last past & soe to continue untill ye said terme of Tenn yeares are fully compleated & ended & noe longer, But then ye said serv't to be free & wholly at his owne dispose (Mortalaty always

excepted). Witness my hand this Eighteenth Day of May, 1678. I doe alsoe Warrant ye sale of ye aboves'd serv't.

JOHN SAFFIN.

PETITION OF THE PEOPLE OF MIDDLESEX FOR CALLING AN
ASSEMBLY, 1681.

[The intense anxiety of the people that an Assembly should be convened, was caused by the hope that it might do something to raise the price of tobacco, which was so low as to be almost worthless. The Assembly was called, but failed to provide a remedy, and the "plant cutting" followed.]

Att a Courte held for ye County of Middlesex, ye 5th day of Decemb., 1681, Pres't:

Ralph Wormeley, Esqr.,	}	Justices.
Capt. Walter Whitaker,		
Coll. Cuthbert Potter,		
Maj'r Robert Beverley,		
Mr. John Sheppard,		
Mr. Abra. Weeks,		
Mr. Mathew Kempe.		

A Petition of ye People of this county to this Courte about moveing ye R^t Hon^{ble} ye Govern' to call an Assembly, signed by a greate many of ye Inhabitants & men of Bestt ability in ye County being presented to ye Courte and ye People earnestly pressing & thronging into ye Courte house untill it was full and a greate many remaining at ye dores & Windowes Impatiently expecting ye Courtes answer to it, and ye Courte Causing the Said Petition to be audibly read that ye people might all heare its contents, and ye courte demanding if they all consented to & desired what was conteyned in ye said Petition, ye People unanimously answered they consented & earnestly desired ye same.

Att a Courte held for the County of Middl'sex ye 5th day of Decemb', 1681.

It is by ye Courte ordered that Capt. Walter Whitaker, Coll. Cuthbert Potter, Maj' Robert Beverley & Christ' Wormeley high Sheriff of this county, doe without delay attend ye R^t Hon^{ble} ye

Govern' wth this courtes humble Petition & ye Petition of ye People of this county about moveing ye Govern' to call an Assembly and humbly p'sent ye same to his Hon'.

MILITARY CENSUS OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY, 1687.

Att a Court held for the County of Middlesex the 23d Day of November, 1687. P'sent:

Coll. Christopher Wormeley, Capt. Walter Whitaker, Mr. John Wortham, Mr. Oswald Carey, Mr. William Daniell.

The Court being mett together by vertue of his Excel^{tes} Com-mands Signified by his letter of the 14th Instant to take an Accot. of what men in the County are Capable to finde horse & men, as likewise to serve on Foot in the Militia of this County. Upon full examination of the same doe hereby make returne as followeth:

That the Persons whose names are underwritten are by this Court thought of Sufficient abilitie to find a Man, horse & Armer:

James Blaze,	Widdow Batcheldor,
Mr. Doodes Minor,	Mr. Alexander Smith,
Mr. Maurice Cock,	Mr. Tho. Stapleton,
William Montague,	Edward Clarke,
Mr. Randelph Seager,	Mr. John Wortham,
Jeremy Avery,	Mr. Rich'd Robinson,
Tho. Lee,	Mr. Christopher Robinson,
Mr. Robt. Price,	Mr. Job Vause,
Mr. Abrah. Weekes,	Mr. William Nicholson,
Mr. Tho. Corbin,	Mr. Hen. Nicholls, Jun ^r ,
John Nash,	Mr. Henry Wood,
Mr. Francis Weekes,	Mr. George Reeves,
Thomas Tazeley,	Mr. John Cant,
John Rickins,	Ralph Wormeley, Esq ^r ,
George Goodloe,	Mr. Joseph Goare,
Marvill Moseley,	Mr. Robert Dudley,
Mr. John Willis,	Mr. John Needles,
Mr. Henry Thacker,	Mr. Tho. Hill,
John Jeffreys, Esq.,	Tho. Townesend,

Thos. Williams,	Mr. Will. Churchill,
Mr. Charles Curtis,	Mr. Christopher Kilbell,
Mr. John Nicholls,	Mr. James Curtis,
Col. Christ' Wormeley,	Mr. Max. Petty,
Mr. Robert Boodle,	William Brooks, Trumpetter.
Coll. John Armistead,	

And they say Upon further Examination that the persons underwritten are thought by this Court Capable to Serve as footmen and to finde themselves with Armes, &c.:

Henry Osborne,	Tho. Paine,
John Summers, Drummer,	Robert Poste,
Thomas Edgecock,	John Brumm,
Antho. Daughton,	William King,
John Lohil,	Thomas Wood,
George Guest,	John Gutteridge,
John Micham,	John Bristow,
Richard Allen,	Tho. Blewford,
Thomas Crispe,	Nicho. West,
John Brewer,	Edward Dorker,
James Ingram,	Robert Chewning,
Thomas Kidd,	Nicholas Fowle,
Robert Williamson,	George Pristuell,
Robert Blakey,	William Carter,
William Mullins,	Richard Gabriell,
Abraham Brierly,	John Goodridge,
Nicho. Paine,	Tho. Guy,
John Furrill,	John Beamont,
Richard Reynolds,	Andrew Williamson,
John Parsons,	William Lloyall,
Alex Murray,	John Skeer,
John Stamper,	Peter Chelton,
William Woodward,	Thomas Norman,
William Downing,	John Vivion,
John Smith, Mrs. Weath-	Tho. Cranke,
erby's son,	Francis Dodson,
Nicholas Rice,	John Else,
Thomas Munns,	Willis Humphreys,

Thomas Thompson,	James Bendall,
Peter Brummell,	Ezekiah Rhodes,
Patrick Miller,	John Sandford,
William Tignor,	Thomas Gardiner,
Robert Gillian,	George Woolley,
Augustine Scarborow,	James Dudley,
William Dudley,	Tho. Dudley,
John Sutton,	David Barwick,
William Thompson,	William Sheppard,
William Beamont,	James Pate,
William Barber,	Francis Fragoë,
John Ross,	Thos. Wetherston,
Tho. Stiff,	Michaell Musgrave,
John Bell.	

PROCLAMATION OF GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL IN REGARD
TO PIRATES, 1699.

(Middlesex Records.)

At a Council Held at James Citty, Aprill Ye 28th, 1699.

Present: His Excellency, William Byrd, John Lightfoot, Edward Hill, Mathew Page, Edmund Jenings, Benjamin Harrison, Esq's.

Whereas their excellencys the Lord Justices of England have beene informed by severall advices from the East Indies of the notorious Pyracies Comitted by Capt. Kidd, comander of the Adventure galley, And of his having seized & plundered divers Ships in those Seas, and whereas the Right Hon^{ble} James Vernon, Esq', one of his Maj^{'s} principall Secretaryes of State, by his Letter to his Excellency the Govern^r of this his Mag^{ts} Colony and dominion hath signified the directions of their excellencys the Lord Justices of England to the Respective Governo^{rs} of the Collony under his Mag^{ts} Obedience in America that they give strict Orders and take particular care For Apprehending the said Kidd and his Accomplices whenever he or they shall arive In any of the Said plantations, as Likewise that they secure his ship and all the effects therein to the Intent that Right may be done to those who have been Injured and robbed by the said

Kidd, and that he and his assoceates be prosecuted with the utmost Rigour of Law, and Requiring his Excellency the Governo' of Virginia to be Careful duely to Observe the said Directions, and if the said Kidd or any of his Accomplices happen to be seized within the Province under his Government, that he doe forthwith transmitt An Account thereof within, and take care that the said persons' ship and effects be secured 'till his Maj^y pleasure shall be known concerning them, therefore Ordered that the commanders in chief of the Militia, & the Sherifs of the Severall Countyes and the Councillors and Navill Officers of the Severall districts within this His Mag^y collony and dominion, doe take all possible care within their Respective precincts for Apprehending the said Kidd and his accomplices, and for seising the said ship and effects according to the Comand of their Excellencys the Lords Justices, and if the Said Kidd or any of his Accomplices shall be apprehended by the said officers or any of them, that they doe Imediately transmit an account thereof to his excellency the Governo', and take care the said p'sons' Ship and effects be secured till they shall Receive his Further directions therein, and that this Order may be the better and more effectually putt in execution the said Officers and every of them Respectively are hereby required and comanded to try their utmost diligence In the prosecucion and performance, but not to make any Publicacion of the contents hereof less Intimation be given to the said Pyrates and they be thereby enabled to Escape.

Ordered that the Order of his Excellency In councill Relating to Capt. Kidd and his Accomplices be sent to the sherifs of the Severall countyes and that they communicate the same to the comand^r in chief, collectors, and navall oficers within their Respective Countyes.

B. HARRISON.

Edwin Thacker, Cl. Cur., Com. Middx.

GOVERNOR'S PRECEPT CONCERNING DELAYS OF JUSTICE
IN COUNTY COURTS, 1711.

[There is a similar proclamation by Governor Nicholson, recorded in Westmoreland.]

VIRGINIA—ss :

By her Maj^{ty} L^t Governor & Commander in Chief of this Dominion.

Whereas I have received Complaints of great delays in the administration of Justice through the county courts neglecting to meet on the days appointed for holding the same and the Justices refusing upon frivolous pretenses to sitt, when mett for the dispatch of the business before them, whereby her Maj^{ty} subjects are frequently obliged to a tedious & expensive attendance before they can obtain a determination of their suits and for as much I am desirous to be informed from whose fault such delays do proceed and that I may be the better enabled to distinguish such persons as out of a due regard to the service of their country, do regularly attend the administration of Justice in their county courts, I have therefore thought fitt by and with the advice of the Councillors to require the sheriffs of the respective countys and they are hereby required that whenever it shall hereafter happen that the Justices shall neglect to meet on the days appointed for holding their respective courts, or being mett, shall not duely sitt and dispatch the business then depending, that he forthwith Certifie the same to me together with the names of such of the said Justices as were then present and were hindered from performing their Duty for want of a sufficient number, and I doe further require the said Justices at their next succeeding court to examine into the reasons of the absence of the other Justices or their refusall to act if mett, and to report the same to me by the first opportunity, and that I may be constantly informed of the proceedings of the said county courts in the speedy administration of Justice I do hereby require and Command the Justices of the said Courts forthwith to transmitt to me, and soe at every Generall Court from time to time a List of all such Causes on their Docquett as have been depending above the space of six months, the time of their entry & continuance and the reason of their being soe long undetermined.

And whereas her Majesty hath been graciously pleased to direct that for the more speedy prosecution of Criminals, two courts of Oyer and Terminer be held Yearly on the second Tuesday in June and the Second Tuesday in December, I doe hereby

publish and make known that the said courts will be held at the capitoll on the said respective days, and the Justices of the county courts and sheriffs of the severall countys are hereby required to observe and follow the like orders and directions in conveying criminals to the said courts and for summoning Veni- nires, Witnesses, &c., and returning the examinations as are appointed by Law to be observed upon Tryalls of Criminals at the General Court.

And forasmuch as it hath been represented to mee that the under sheriffs not being sworn to their Accounts of the Quitrents received by them, gives great opportunity to the said under sheriffs to defraud Her Majesty in the Receipt of the said Revenue, I doe hereby Order and require the Justices of the respective county courts to cause the under sheriffs of the said Countys, at the courts held in the Month of March early, to exhibit upon Oath a Just and true Account of all the Quit rents received by them, and to make Oath that the same doth contain a compleat & true Rent roll of all the Lands they have been able to discover, which Oaths shall be Certified by the Clerk of the Court on the foot of the said Rent rolls, and produced by the high Sheriff to the Auditor before he be admitted to pass his Accounts, and that the Sheriffs may be the better informed of their dutys in the premises, I doe hereby order and direct that these presents be entered in the Records of the respective county courts and that the Clerkes deliver a copy thereof to each sheriff at his entrance upon his office. Given under my hand and the seale of the Colony, at Williamsburg, this 28th day of Aprill, 1711, in the tenth year of her Maj^{ty}s Reign.

A. SPOTSWOOD.

A precept for the due holding of courts for the conveying of Criminals, &c., and for returning Rent rolls.

At a Court held for Midd^x County the 5th day of June, 1711:

The above Precept was this day published in Court and admitted to Record.

Test: Wil. Stanard, Cl. Cur.